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**CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2). Thus, the Issue Fee with respect to the above identified application is being paid at the reduced rate; i.e., \$700.00, concurrently with the filing of this claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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